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### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### MEETING MINUTES-SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

**Members Present:** Dr. Anthony Greenberg, Dr. Ernest Leva, Dr. Al Sacchetti,  
Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Dr. Thomas Whalen

**Members Absent:** Dr. Frank Briglia, Ms. Mary Ellen Brock, Mr. Jesus Cepero,  
Dr. Frank Cunningham, Dr. Martin Diamond, Ms. Carolyn Ferolito, Dr. Mary Kamienski, Mr. Thomas Zarra

**NJDH&SS Staff:** Dr. John Brennan, Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Ms. Bonnie Anderson, Ms. Traci Anderson

**Guests:** Mr. Michael Pante, Ms. Margaret Bush

Due to the lack of quorum, no official business could be conducted. This document is a record of the discussions that took place.

Dr. Leva stated that there was no Chairperson's Report.

#### OEMS REPORT

##### Membership

We now have a representative from the New Jersey State School Nurses Association, Ms. Margaret Bush. We certainly welcome your support and assistance. It was suggested that at the yearly conference we include a session on Asthma and Allergy for the school nurses. If there are other topics that you would recommend, please feel free to make suggestions.

##### Grantee 2001 Meeting

Nancy Kelly-Goodstein reported that she and Susan Way attended the National Grantee Meeting in Vienna, Virginia in June. It seems that New Jersey is on target with the rest of the country. The next Grantee Meeting will also be the National Congress and will be held in Dallas, Texas in April. We will keep an eye out for that agenda.

The Feds are preparing an overview of each state's "trauma system". Through the EMSC Grants (which go out to every state as well as the territories) a supplement will be offered to conduct the Trauma/EMS assessment. There is a federally developed questionnaire, which we all must complete. A meeting with all the appropriate stake holders (they provide a list) must be conducted. Finally a strategic plan has to be developed to enhance or establish a trauma system in each state. Time wise, the money is to come to the state by the end of September, and the final report has to be to the Feds by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Part of the reason they asked the EMSC program to funnel the money through is to ensure participation of EMSC in the process. The grant award would be anywhere from \$35,000 to \$50,000. In New Jersey the money will be spent on the Trauma/EMS assessment, the development of a strategic plan and beginning the process of developing a statewide trauma data registry. We were successful in getting the award, we just don't know how much (note: final award is \$45,000). The NJ EMS Council membership addresses the majority of stakeholders identified by the Feds.



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Additionally, we have extended an invitation to each of the Trauma Centers, Burn Center, Rural Health and Prevention Services, and the Office of Planning. The first meeting is scheduled to immediately follow the October 10<sup>th</sup> EMS Council. Dr. David Livingston, from University Hospital sent a letter indicating his feeling that any trauma assessment should be developed by the Committee on Trauma. Given the stakeholders required we need to utilize the EMS Council and will extended an invitation to anyone Dr. Livingston feels should be included in the process. The group will be asked to review the assessment questionnaire completed by OEMS staff and amend it if necessary and then break into groups to begin to develop the strategic plan. The group will then reconvene on November 5<sup>th</sup> for an all day meeting at the Ramada Hotel in East Brunswick to develop the balance of the strategic plan. Sally Mastriepieri has been hired as a consultant and will write the final report to be submitted to the Feds by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. The EMS Council will be asked to endorse the report at their December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The balance of the money will be used to begin to develop the statewide Trauma Registry.

## **Newsletter**

Each of you has received a faxed copy of the newsletter. The Department's approval process has been slowed down by the World Trade Center.

## **Introductions**

Traci Anderson is new to the Department of Health and Senior Services EMSC program. Traci will be responsible for the newsletter and the yearly conference.

## **2002 Conference**

Traci stated that the tentative date will be Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. (Note: the dates have been changed to May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>). We chose a Sunday-Monday to accommodate the volunteers on Sunday. Sunday will offer more BLS topics as well as a track for the school nurses. We have picked the Radisson in Mount Laurel (adjacent to 295 and the NJ Turnpike). Each day will have one or two general sessions as well as a number of concurrent break out sessions. The school nurse track will offer CPR, and First Aid. The breakout sessions will offer such topics as new medicines, crime scene preservation, skin disorders, SIDS update, pediatric airway management, special considerations in trauma, long QT syndrome and asthma. Sunday night will conclude with dinner and a keynote speaker, and the Monday night will conclude with the EMS week awards (Note: The EMS Awards dinner will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>). Please check your calendars for any conflicts. Tentatively we are looking at registration starting at 10am allowing for commute time, the first session to start at 10:30 and will go until approximately 6:00. The Monday night is scheduled for a 6pm cocktail hour and 7pm dinner. Concerns were voiced for setting aside two days. Dr. Leva also asked if we can offer Continuing Medical Education credits in this for physicians. Nancy stated as long as someone would help her with that, and Dr. Leva offered to facilitate this process. The conference is targeted toward prehospital personnel. In order to attract physicians we may need to tweak some of the topics. Dr. Leva stated that we had a great turn out this year and he does not want to do anything to change that.

We tried to keep the conference in EMS week, but May is always a difficult month. Dan Sullivan shared that it was great that we are offering a weekend day, but he believes the 19<sup>th</sup> is the NJSFAC mid-year meeting. The literature review session offered in 2001 was very well attended per Dr. Sacchetti. If offered again it would have to target the prehospital personnel as there was not much available in for the nurses. We are looking for volunteers for lectures and for the keynote speaker. Perhaps something relating to the World Trade Center disaster or the Pentagon could be the keynote address. Dr. Sacchetti suggested Dr. James Pruden as he was a responder to the World Trade Center and is a great speaker. Nancy will follow up.

## **Targeted Issue Grant Application**

Nancy is putting the final touches on the application due 12/1. Any feedback received has been incorporated into the grant application. This grant would fund the emergency department pediatric critical care registry.

## **Bylaws**

Nancy modified the bylaws to include the new members (Safe Kids, NJ State School Nurses Association, Committee on Trauma and the Society of Pediatric Nurses). Nancy will research if each of you can have an alternate or a designee should you be unable to attend.

## **New Business – None**

Nominations Committee postponed until November.

## **Pediatric Standing Orders**

The group discussed at length the proposed amendments to the pediatric standing orders. (Please see attached revised document).